

Sermon Notes
“Relating Together” (Mt 7:1-6)
Dec 11, 2022

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➤ **Background:**

Divine Judgement

Discernment

➤ **Judge: Being Delusional (7:2-5a)**

Measure others (7:2)

Minimize self (7:3)

Act impaired (7:4-5a)

➤ **Kingdom People**

Mutual responsibility (7:5b)

Mission responsibility (7:6)

➤ **Heart of the Gospel**

Expose

Care

Think of the people you struggle with or have an opinion of. What is it about them that bothers you? What is informing your opinion? How much of that is of your own understanding? Your life issues?

How much of your own story do you understand? Can you discern where your feelings, beliefs and actions come from? Do you think you live your life with clarity or with a series of blind spots?

If we have greater sin in our own lives, how do we address them? To what degree do we need another person to be a part of that healing process? Is the church a safe space to acknowledge that struggle?

As people, we either go too far in obeying ‘Do not judge’ (7:1) or confront people with blind spots. Jesus commands to address our own sin and then help someone else with theirs. Have you seen this done well? How do we grow as a church in caring for one another?

Are there people in your life that may be ‘dogs and pigs’? What does this mean and how do you know? Is Jesus really calling you to never share the Good News with them? Is your approach to change?

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